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SUBJ: BHUTTO LETTERS TO MRS. GANDHI, PRESIDENT AND
SECRETARY

1. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL (SOUTH ASIA) ABDUL SATTAR TOLD
POL COUNSELOR AND VISITING INR OFFICER HOWELLS THAT
PM BHUTTO HAD SENT LETTER LAST NIGHT TO MRS. GANDHI
IN WAKE OF LIFTING OF US ARMS EMBARGO, ACCESSION OF
ABDULLAH IN KASHMIR, AND GOP HARTAL CALL. SATTAR SAID
THIS INFORMATION WAS BEING PASSED ON TO USG IN WASHINGTON.

2. ACCORDING TO SATTAR, MAIN POINTS BHUTTO LETTER WERE:

--GOP REMAINED COMMITTED TO PROCESS OF NORMALI-
ZATION AND RECONCILIATION WITH INDIA IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SIMLA ACCORD.

--GOP DID NOT WANT TO ENGAGE IN ARMS RACE
IN SUBCONTINENT. AT SAME TIME, PAKS HAD TO BE
ABLE TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY.

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--PAKS HAD TO DEMONSTRATE (THROUGH HARTAL)

THAT ABDULLAH ACCESSION COULD NOT CONSTITUTE SETTLEMENT OF KASHMIR ISSUE.

--GOP WOULD SEND DELEGATION HEADED BY FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHI TO DELHI NEXT MONTH FOR RESUMPTION OF CIVIL AIR TALKS.

3. SATTAR SAID LETTERS HAD ALSO BEEN SENT TO PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR LIFTING OF EMBARGO AND REITERATING GOP COMMITMENT TO NORMALIZATION IN SUBCONTINENT.

4. SATTAR SAID HE EXPECTED NONE OF THE LETTERS WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC.
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